UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Criminal Number:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

Violation:

26 U.S.C. § 7212(a) (Attempt to Interfere

with Administration of Internal Revenue

Laws)

AYAWNA WEBSTER,

Defendant.

INFORMATION

The United States Attorney charges that:

COUNT ONE

(Attempt to Interfere with Administration of Internal Revenue Laws)

- 1. At times relevant to this Information, defendant AYAWNA WEBSTER (formerly Ayawna Chase) ("WEBSTER") resided in the District of Columbia; served as a staff member to D.C. Council member Harry Thomas, Jr. ("Council member Thomas"); and was the President of POLITICAL ORGANIZATION #1, the District of Columbia's local chapter of a national, partisan political organization. As the President of POLITICAL ORGANIZATION #1, defendant WEBSTER participated in planning and organizing the 51st State Inaugural Ball, held in the District of Columbia on or about January 20, 2009.
- 2. From in or around January 2009 until in or around October 2011, in the District of Columbia, defendant WEBSTER did corruptly endeavor to obstruct and impede the due administration of the internal revenue laws by preparing a false Form W-9 and failing to file a tax return on behalf of POLITICAL ORGANIZATION #1 for the period of time in which

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION #1 received a \$104,500 grant of public funds, which POLITICAL ORGANIZATION #1 used to pay for the 51st State Inaugural Ball. As a result of defendant WEBSTER's conduct, defendant WEBSTER assisted in concealing from the Internal Revenue Service that POLITICAL ORGANIZATION #1 was the true beneficiary of the grant of public funds.

(Attempt to Interfere with Administration of Internal Revenue Laws, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7212(a).)

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